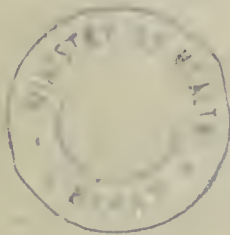


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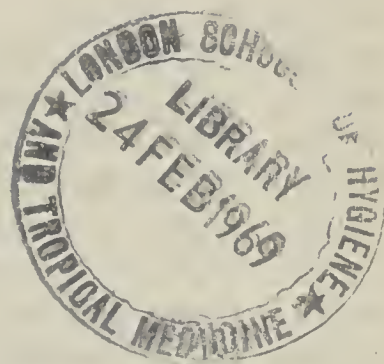


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WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

and

SURVEYOR

for the year

1966.

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Drayton Parslow
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Nash
Newton Longville
Newton Longville
North Marston
Shenley Brook End
Stewkley
Stewkley
Swanbourne
Tattenhoe
Whaddon
Winslow
Winslow
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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1966

Medical Officer of Health
Surveyor & Public Health Inspector
Assistant Surveyor & Public Health
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Dr. P. Lavis, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
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Public Health Clerks

Mr. D.A. Keen, C.R.S.I. (To April)
Mr. L. Barry (May to November)
Mrs. F.V. Anderson.
Mrs. D. Nicholls.

COMMITTEES

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Chairman Cclr. R.P. Bates.
Vice Chairman Cclr. C.S. Drabble.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1966.

Vital Statistics

The figures vary little from the previous year and show a community with health standards well up to the country's norm. An interesting feature is the high birth rate in contrast to the reduced national level. It appears that the Winslow district's population is gradually assuming a higher proportion of younger people.

Infectious Diseases

A variety of common childhood infections invaded the area at the beginning of the year; chickenpox and mumps in particular together with localised outbreaks of influenza (type B). More troublesome was a german measles (rubella) outbreak that caused me some concern in view of the risk of this apparently mild condition to the expectant mother at the beginning of her pregnancy. There are a number of children in the area severely handicapped as a result of ante-natal exposure, and an effort was made to try and ensure that women in the first four months of pregnancy who were in contact with rubella went to their private doctors. The publicity given was much wider than anticipated but it seems that many women accepted the advice and were given appropriate treatment by their doctors. A follow-up study has been arranged so that any who missed this treatment and gave birth to babies "at risk" are screened for defects and offered appropriate help early.

Health Education

One of the main themes for the year's Health Education programme was "Safety in the Home", which included poison hazards and accidents. A special effort was also made to encourage school children (and their parents) on the value of "Foot Health".

A most encouraging report was received from the Ministry of Health showing early data indicating that the amount of smoking among adolescents was falling and that there had been a substantial drop in the proportion of cigarette smokers in men and women in recent years. It will, of course, take some time for this to be reflected in any fall in lung cancer deaths but one can feel that the effort put into anti-smoking propaganda is not entirely submerged by the advertising agents appeal to "carry on smoking".

Unfortunately Mr. D.A. Keen resigned his position as Public Health Inspector in April 1966 to take up work in the private section of industry. He was an experienced inspector that we could ill-afford to lose. The post was filled by an unqualified inspector who also resigned in November 1966. At the end of the year this vacancy had not been filled.

I would like to thank the Council and Public Health Committee for the interest they have shown in this aspect of the work and, of course, Mr. Shipp who has spent most of the year working under considerable pressure because of staff shortage.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,


Medical Officer of Health.

VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Births</u>			<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Live Births:	Legitimate	Males	87	98
		Females	84	90
		Total	171	188
	Illegitimate	Males	5	6
		Females	2	7
		Total	7	13
Still Births		3	3	
Birth Rate (corrected) per 1,000 estimated population		23.9	26.1	
Birth Rate for England and Wales		18.1	17.7	
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths:	Males		52	70
	Females		59	72
	Total		111	142
Death rate (corrected) per 1,000 estimated population		8.8	10.2	
Death rate for England and Wales		8.9	11.7	
<u>Infant Mortality</u>				
Deaths of Infants per 1,000 births		16.8	19.9	
Deaths of Infants per 1,000 births, England and Wales		19.0	19.0	
<u>Miscellaneous</u>				
Area (in acres)			36,436	
Population			9,020	
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1966 according to rate book			3,086	
Rateable Value			£268,318	
Sum represented by penny rate			£1,100	

Principal Causes of Death

Meningococcal Infections	1.
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3.
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1.
Malignant Neoplasm Uterus	2.
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	6.
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1.
Diabetes	1.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	18.
Coronary Disease Angina	23.
Hypertension with Heart Disease	2.
Other Heart Disease	20.
Other Circulatory Disease	6.
Influenza	6.
Pneumonia	12.
Bronchitis	12.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2.
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	2.
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2.
Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	11.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1.
All other accidents	6.
Suicide	3.

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

During the year 66 cases were notified compared with 83 in 1965.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>
Scarlet Fever	1	-
Measles	79	61
Tuberculosis	3	5

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Ambulance Service Administered by Bucks County Council from Aylesbury with a sub-station at Bletchley serving the north of the area.

Hospitals Under the Oxford Regional Hospital Board. Patients are generally treated at Aylesbury. Outpatient facilities are also available in certain specialties at Bletchley, Buckingham and Wolverton.

Laboratory (Public Health) - Oxford and Bedford.

District Nursing/Midwifery Area Superintendent - Mrs. O.M.Riley at Area Health Office, Bletchley. Four nurses are stationed within the district.

Health Visiting Superintendent - Mrs. D.L. Marrett at Area Health Office. Four Health Visitors (some of whom combine their duties with general nursing) are stationed in the district.

Social Workers (Medical, Welfare, Blind, Mental Health) Area Officer - Mr. P.K. Smith at Area Health Office.

Home Help Service Area Organiser - Mrs. H.R.L. Sephton. Assistant Organiser (Winslow District) Mrs. V.A. Haughey. Considerable difficulty is still being experienced in recruiting ladies to undertake this work in the district. Efforts have been made through the year to increase the woman-power, but with little success.

Training Centres Adult and Junior centres at Bletchley and Aylesbury.

Child Welfare Clinics Clinics are held at regular intervals at Winslow, Stewkley and Newton Longville in hired halls. The mobile clinic visits Great Horwood, Little Horwood, Mursley, Drayton Parslow, Swanbourne, Nash and Whaddon.

Dental Clinic Treatment is offered to children and expectant mothers at Bletchley, Buckingham and Aylesbury. In addition the dentist visits schools regularly.

Health Education Area Organiser - Miss G. Hanmer at Area Health Office.

School Health Service Administered from Area Health Office, Bletchley. This includes arrangements for examination of pupils in accordance with the Education Act, 1944, ascertainment of handicap and arranging appropriate treatment. The Child Guidance Clinic is situated at Whalley Drive, Bletchley. B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis is carried out in the schools as well as booster doses of poliô, diphtheria and tetanus antigens.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Existing Sewers and Disposal Works

With the exception of the heavily overloaded works at Newton Longville all other works continued to function satisfactorily during the year.

Schemes

At the beginning of the year, due to lack of progress with regard to the Newton Longville Scheme, a meeting was arranged at the Ministry in order to obtain views on the possibility of proceeding with the construction of a new works for Newton Longville. At this meeting it was made clear that a new works would not be likely to receive approval and that, as a temporary measure, the Council should consider installing some extended aeration plant units to cope with the situation for a number of years. This was agreed and negotiations were started to acquire further land for this purpose. During the year negotiations continued in connection with the preparation of the two other schemes Whaddon/Nash and East Claydon/Winslow Works Extension.

General

In the early part of the year a new post was created (Deputy Foreman) and an additional vehicle was purchased. This helped considerably with the maintenance problems and enabled much better use to be made of available labour. However, being a small authority, the labour position is such that during the summer months (when there is more work to be undertaken) things are under considerable strain due to holidays, sickness etc. There is no doubt that as time passes the ~~manning~~ of the service is going to become more and more difficult. I have given considerable thought to the matter in order to see if efficiency and the use of labour can be improved, but in the absence of a satisfactory bonus scheme it is a very difficult problem to solve.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Early in the year, due to labour difficulties, consideration was given to the introduction of a new Bonus Scheme whereby five men would undertake the work of six. After due consideration the scheme was started in April and throughout the rest of the year no further change of labour took place. The men have welcomed the scheme as they are able to earn more and are free to go home after completing each days collection task. Generally speaking I feel convinced that the introduction of this scheme has served to prevent a complete breakdown of this vital service. It has created minor problems but I cannot now envisage that the service could ever be satisfactorily run again on the old basis.

The refuse tip at Little Horwood continued to be used throughout the year. Little progress was made in connection with the acquisition of the new tip at Stewkley. After failing to reach agreement on the purchase of the tip negotiations were started with regard to leasing it for a number of years.

Streets Cleansing -- Winslow

The only highways cleansed by the Council are as follows and these together with the Market Square are done at the latter end of each week. A litter collection is also carried out in the High Street on Mondays.

- (a) High Street
- (b) Station Road
- (c) Buckingham Road
- (d) Sheep Street
- (e) Horn Street

During the year the problem of litter was again raised but it was felt that additional labour could not be employed or spared to widen or improve the service.

Salvage

The value of salvage during the year amounted to:-

Paper £11-16-10d. (Rates)
Metals £21- 1- 6d. (Housing)

HOUSING

Improvement Grants (Discretionary and Standard)

During the year the Council agreed to make Standard Grants to a maximum of £2744-17-6d.

1965	£2319 - 16 - 6.
1964	£5160 - 10 - 0.
1963	£4430 - 0 - 0.
1962	£4425 - 0 - 0.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
(a) Number of applications received	19	19
(b) Number of applications approved	18	17
(c) Number of applications withdrawn ...	0	2
(d) Number of applications refused	0	0
(e) Number of applications not yet dealt with	1	0

Of the above applications two "reduced grant" approvals were given and three "increased grant" approvals were given.

Council Houses

The number of houses owned by the Council at the 1st April 1966 was:-

Pre-War	226.
Post-War	486.
Total	712.

Unfit Houses

- (a) Number of houses demolished during the year 3.
(b) Number of houses closed during the year 7.

RODENT CONTROL

General Inspection and Treatments

During the year the following inspections and treatments were carried out:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Treatments</u>
Dwellinghouses	1230	192
Agricultural Properties	164	37
Business Premises	52	15

Sewer Treatments

During April the public sewers throughout the district were given a 10% test treatment and this revealed no infestations. It was not, therefore, necessary to do the two follow up maintenance treatments.

WATER SUPPLIES

Water supply throughout the district is the responsibility of the Bucks Water Board and I am indebted to them for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the district has been at all times satisfactory as regards both quantity and quality.
2. Regular samples of water were taken during the year and the results of these indicated that the water supplied conformed to the high standard of that required by any public supply authority.
3. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

All parishes in the district are supplied with water from public mains and apart from a few isolated farms and other properties the

majority of the population are served.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occs. Pros.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	1	NIL	NIL
Factories not included in the above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	16	7	NIL	NIL
	19	8	NIL	NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY
PREMISES, ACT, 1963

The number of registered properties at the end of 1966 was 33. During the year all these properties received a general inspection. In one instance a thermometer had been provided and in another a water heater. These had been noted as being required at a previous inspection. With the exception of a few missing abstracts of the Act occupiers were generally complying with the provisions of the Act.

